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CAMPUS | ELECTION



KRISTIN MENAS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

As part of the student registration drive, “Rock the Vote” Eric Wilber, student government member, helps Lindsay Woods, Junior therapeutic recreation major, register on Wednesday. The drive’s main purpose is “to make sure that everyone who wants to vote can get involved and registered,” according to Wilber.

Rock the Vote snags voters

Over 300 people registered

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Student Government Editor

Rock the Vote got 305 people registered to vote Wednesday. The booth in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union near the Food Court got 85 stu-

dents registered and booth in the Library Quad got 220 students registered.

Joseph Cromwell, a sophomore political science major, said he was already registered at home, but thought it would be a good idea to register a change of address here so he would not have to go all the way back home to vote.

He will be voting for John

McCain and thinks it is a good idea for college students to get out there and vote.

“I think it is only a good idea if you are informed, though,” he said.

Robin Auguste, a junior business management major, said he was voting because the presidential election is the most important election there is.

“It is important to voice your opinions and this is one of the few times people will care what you have to say,” he said. “I vote for other elections as well, though, and have voted for mostly everything so far this year.”

Auguste is going to be voting for Barack Obama.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

‘Daily Show’ correspondent looks behind real fake news

Mandvi will use sarcasm, satire in lecture

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Activities Editor

Aasif Mandvi said he does not like the word fake.

“I hate the word ‘fake,’” he said. “Let’s use the word ‘lettuce.’”

Mandvi, from “The Daily Show with John Stewart,” will give the lecture “Behind the Scenes of the Real Fake News” at 8 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Mandvi said his lecture is not just about the news.

“It’s about following your dreams,” he said. “Whether that’s being a real fake doctor, or a real fake lawyer, or even a real fake bus driver, you will get something out of this.”

Mandvi said it is about real fake dreams and how to make them really come true in a fake way.

Ryan Kerch, movies coordinator for University Board, said UB planned for this event last semester.

“UB tries to prepare lectures ahead,” he said.

Kerch said the organization thought about bringing someone from “The Daily Show.”

“A lot of students are fans of the show,” he said. “It was a huge process we stumbled over.”

Kerch said he knew it would work when UB decided to bring Mandvi to campus.

“I knew this would be huge,” he said.

Kerch said students could plan on Mandvi putting sarcasm and satire into his lecture.

“He will probably give some insight of what is going on in politics,” he said. “It will be a good mix of information and entertainment.”

Kerch said Mandvi is like a comedic reporter for “The Daily Show.”

“They actually go out and produce their own segments like a real reporter,” he said. “In one sense, he is a reporter and in another, he is a stand-up comic.”

Kerch said there would also be a table outside of the Grand Ballroom for students to register to vote.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Aasif Mandvi, of “The Daily Show,” presents “Fake News” at 8 tonight at the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

CAMPUS | PROGRAM

Bill looks to more possibilities study abroad

Eastern is above average participants

By **EMILY ZULZ**
Administration Editor

Last year, 300 students participated in Eastern’s study abroad program.

President Bill Perry said he wants to increase that participation by 10 percent and increase that number to 330 students.

“We want to continue to increase our study abroad participation,” he said.

A bill on Congress’ agenda this year would help make that more possible and easier for students to study abroad.

The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act bill was introduced on March 12, 2007.

It passed the U.S. House of Representatives on June 5, 2007 and is awaiting the U.S. Senate’s approval. The bill passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee earlier this year.

The bill would require the Foundation to award grants to U.S. students and nongovernmental institutions that provide and promote study abroad opportunities for students in association with higher education institutions.

Resources would be provided to higher education institutions and students to develop quality study abroad programs and take advantage of study abroad opportunities, said Wendy Williamson, director of the Office of Study Abroad.

She said if passed, the act would really help students study abroad.

“Especially, in this difficult economy, we need all the help we can get,” she said. “I think that increasing the resources available for scholarships, etc. would really help increase the percentage of students who study abroad.”

Williamson said Eastern would work within the bill, if passed, and apply for any grants that would become available because of the bill.

The act sets a goal that in 10 years’ time, one million students will be studying abroad annually in programs around the world.

According to NAESA: Association of International Educators, only 200,000 American college students participate in study abroad, which is 1 percent of the U.S. college student population.

Eastern is already above that average.

“If you think about eastern, we have about slightly over 10,000 undergrads and that 300 studying abroad, that’s 3 percent,” Perry said. “So, I think we’re already ahead of the curve nationally.”

Over the past five years, Perry said the study abroad program has increased from 100 students to 300 students.

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CAMPUS | ADMINISTRATION

Drawn toward smaller communities

African American Studies coordinator settles in after working for Eastern Washington University

By JOE ASTROUSKI
Staff Reporter

James Ochwa-Echel isn't drawn to city life. Growing up in Uganda's rural north, Ochwa-Echel walked five miles to school each day on "marrum," or unpaved roads.

In 2006, as a well-traveled scholar, he eagerly accepted a short-term position at Eastern Washington University because of that school's rural location.

Now, surrounded by miles of undulating corn and soybean fields, he is taking on a new position as coordinator of Eastern's African American Studies program, promising more opportunities for students and an updated curriculum.

Once again, he is excited about small-town life.

"This is an area that fitted what I was looking for; not being very close to a metropolitan big city," Ochwa-Echel said of Eastern.

Ochwa-Echel was raised in a family of 20 children and is the only member of his immediate family to live outside Uganda.

After primary and secondary school, his education lead him away from rural Uganda to Europe and the United States.

"I secured a scholarship, so I went to Germany and that's where I got my undergraduate degree in international relations," Ochwa-Echel said.

But while Ochwa-Echel built his academic career, his homeland suffered through the violence which killed 400,000 Ugandans between 1971 and 1986.

"I went back to Uganda, but because of the civil strife I went back again to Germany," Ochwa-Echel said.

Though he lives in the United States, he keeps in close touch with his family in Uganda.

"That's my family. That's my life," Ochwa-Echel said.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Schiller International University in Germany, Ochwa-Echel came to the United States and received a master's degrees in international relations and international development, as well as a doctorate in education from Ohio State University.

In 2006, Ochwa-Echel accepted a two-year position at Eastern Washington University.

When that term expired, Ochwa-Echel came to Eastern as the new coordinator of African American Studies.

As African American Studies coordinator, Ochwa-Echel says he plans to broaden the program's focus.

"First of all, we want to reassess the curriculum of the program with an eye toward being more in-depth and more Africana in concept, that is looking at the experiences of black people in Africa, America, the Caribbean, and South America," he said.

Ochwa-Echel said he also wants more opportunities for students.

"We want to get a lot more students involved in research," Ochwa-Echel said. "That means trying to expose a lot more students to (presenting) papers that they have developed through their major, and expose them to some conferences."

But that kind of research may not be possible without



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James Ochwa-Echel takes on a new staff position as coordinator of Eastern's African American Studies program. His promises include more opportunities for students and an updated curriculum.

more funding for the program and higher enrollment.

"We need to get scholarships, getting funding started for the program," Ochwa-Echel said. "And one of the things I'm looking at is if we can start an endowment, a scholarship endowment for this program."

Most of all, he emphasizes that African American Studies is an interdisciplinary field.

"Some people think that African American Studies is only about black people. It goes beyond that," Ochwa-Echel said. "We're looking at the black experience from a historical perspective, political perspective, and it's important that all the students know about it."

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Expressing a passion for women's education

By JOE ASTROUSKI
Staff Reporter

James Ochwa-Echel developed a passion for women's education.

In Ochwa-Echel's sparsely decorated Blair Hall office, tucked away in a cabinet behind his desk is the proof of that passion: a folded and worn white envelope.

While researching his doctoral dissertation on Uganda's educational gender gap, Ochwa-Echel, coordinator of Eastern's African American Studies program, developed a passion for women's education.

Inside the envelope are photos of the girls' nursing school and counseling center Ochwa-Echel is funding and building in rural Uganda, his home country.

The photos show a building still clearly under construction, only identifiable as a school by the blue-and-white multilingual sign posted in front of the building.

But Ochwa-Echel looks beyond the building in his photos to the vocational nursing school he says could one day serve 200 students.

"In my research I found that when women left the secondary education and fail to go to university, there are no avenues where they can pursue other careers," Ochwa-Echel said. "And yet, having a vocational institution like this would get women to pursue an area where they can professionally train."

By teaching these women nursing, Ochwa-Echel said, the school would be providing much needed health care workers for the often-understaffed clinics of rural Uganda.

Ochwa-Echel said the school would also include a counseling center designed, in part, to help mothers with HIV/AIDS prevent their children from contracting the disease.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

RHA to discuss retreat at regular meeting today

The Residence Hall Association will meet to discuss its fall retreat plans for this weekend at Camp New Hope in Mattoon at 5 p.m. today in Carman Hall.

The RHA's "Rockin' into Leadership" fall retreat is focused on getting members to learn leadership and networking skills that they can apply to both the campus and their everyday lives. The retreat is scheduled to have a group development session, guest speaker and various group programs aimed at developing leadership skills. Members will be leaving the campus Sept. 19 and returning on Sept. 21.

RHA President Justin Schuch said he hopes the retreat will help members "develop leadership skills to start off the year."

Along with discussing the retreat, RHA also plans to elect a secretary to its executive board and assign members to its various committees.

RHA Vice President Michael Andrews said being in a committee helps members "gain a lot of respect for what people do."

Campus to host Faculty Appreciation Day events

The university and Faculty Development will celebrate Faculty Appreciation Day from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday at the intramural fields/pavilion.

Faculty members can bring their families for games and food. Activities include softball, a dunk tank and a moonwalk. For more information, call 581-7051.

Singer to visit Eastern Friday

Alumnus and singer/songwriter Charlotte Martin will visit campus with her husband, music producer Ken Andrews, at 2 p.m. Friday on the main floor of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Martin and Andrews will answer questions regarding the music business, and about current and future trends of the recording industry. Martin, a graduate of Charleston High School, earned an opera degree from Eastern in 1998. She and Andrews formed Dinosaur Fight Records.

For more information, call 581-2787.

—Compiled by Staff Reporter Mike Leon and News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Nancy Coutant's last name was misspelled.

In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Lou Conwell's name was misspelled.

The *DEN* regrets the errors.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Faculty receive awards for technology usage

Ceremony to be held today for staff

By MELISSA STURTEVANT
Staff Reporter

Michael Hoadley is pleased that the faculty members have been working hard to implement new technology on and off campus.

Hoadley, the assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology, said that faculty members will be awarded for their usage of technology in the classroom.

Faculty will receive their awards today at the Sixth Annual Technology Day Luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

"The campus-wide nominations are for 'Excellence in the Use of Technology' in teaching, research, or

service," said Hoadley. "The award ceremony is intended to showcase the accomplishments of faculty and staff who have effectively used technology to enhance teaching and learning at EIU."

The fair will have vendors showcasing their technology for students to see, while the luncheon will recognize teachers who have applied and created new technology in and out of the classroom for the use of students and staff.

Among faculty members who are getting awarded is Julie Chadd, associate professor in the school of technology.

She developed a course called Work-Based Learning, which helps students who are interested in teaching skills they would use in the workplace.

Chadd has also helped obtain

grants for research that help put instructional technology into classes.

"(The programs and grants will help the students) be able to keep up with technology that students are going to be using when they're teaching," Chadd said.

Rebecca Cook, professor in the department of special education, will also be recognized for her work in the field of research.

Cook had a hand in creating the Regional Beginning Teacher Induction Program, which is state-approved for first and second year teachers. It is a transitional program, created to help student teachers get into the workforce.

The program allows the transitioning students to submit the activities they have completed through the program, and the coordina-

tors to give them personal feedback on what they need to work on and what else they need to do to complete the program.

"They get personal feedback and they are responsible for figuring out what they need to do to meet the requirements of the program," said Cook.

English Professor John Kilgore will be recognized for making the quarterly journal for the English department, the *Agora*, available online since December 2001.

"It seemed worth sharing outside the department," Kilgore said.

He also said that the online version of the journal helps build an improved archive and it makes published works more accessible.

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SCHOLARSHIP RACISM

I recently received a flyer walking through Lumpkin Hall regarding scholarships from the Illinois CPA Society.

After reviewing five different scholarship opportunities, I furiously noted that of the three major scholarship offers I only qualified for one of them.

The first scholarship offered \$4,000 to an accountant in their last year of school.

The second opportunity of the same value was exclusively for female accounting students.

I am not sure how it is socially acceptable to qualify students based on their gender and race, furthermore; if it is socially acceptable, how come there aren't scholarships offered that are exclusively for while American Caucasian males.

It appears that these scholarships are another way of portraying societal problems.

These scholarships imply that because I am a white Caucasian male, I should not have as much opportunity as a female African American who qualifies to apply for all three of these scholarships.

These particular scholarships portray that a white Caucasian male must have plenty of money, that if you're a female you need priority for extra help financially, and if you're African American you must have a greater need for financial gifts.

Scholarships need to be reevaluated in order to rid themselves of selection based on prejudice reasoning.

Scholarship aid is for high academic performance, and not for recognition of gender or race.

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Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

Shuttle buses:
use them or lose them

Eastern's shuttle bus service is commonly referred to as the drunk buses, but the service is an immensely productive tool if utilized properly.

While Charleston is a small town compared to other state school hosting cities, there are some challenges to not having a car. Carrying groceries from Wal-Mart would be difficult, and having to walk to and from the square may become inconvenient to class schedules.

Having the service is, no doubt, a perfect amenity to offer students, but the university needs to determine if it's still needed and being used.

According to the university budget, \$243,334 was spent on contractual services for shuttle buses in fiscal year 2007. That was up from \$226,307 in 2006.

For that kind of fee expense, students better be getting their money's worth of transportation. But what if students aren't making the most of the buses?

The university would probably not abolish the Student Shuttle Bus fee if the service were ever classified as expendable. Instead, that income would simply be merged into another fee or account.

An in-house program was initiated this summer after the contract with H&H Shuttle Taxi Services Inc. unexpectedly expired. H&H was informed of the expiration via a two-sentence e-mail, which wasn't very professional on Eastern's behalf.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, announced the change in services in July.

"The contract ended at the end of May and honestly, it wasn't really clear that the contract was ending because it was a multi-year contract and the company had opportunities every year to increase the price by a certain amount," Nadler said. "When it became clear that the entire contract itself was expiring and we would have to go out to bid if we were going to outsource, we really started looking very seriously at the service, costs and how we might be able to do things differently."

The only actual differences are the new buses and drivers, the principal behind who's providing the services and the amount of money being rolled over into future budgets due to the change of service providers.

The two new buses were leased for a total annual price of \$50,000, and new bus drivers were hired and are paid as civil service workers.

Nadler said the amount of money that will be saved cannot be determined yet, but the funds would accumulate and be used to bombard inflating gas prices and maintenance repairs to the vehicles. He said rolling the money over would probably prevent a recent fee increase from occurring.

Everything so far sounds good from a business standpoint, but higher education should not be treated like a business because students shouldn't have to pay for services that they will not get.

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** University administrators and Student Senate members recently discussed ridership of the new in-house shuttle bus service.
- **Stance:** If ridership has been a problem for this long and unused fee money is being saved, then maybe the service isn't needed anymore.

As for the currently provided services, the routes and times have not changed. The only difference so far is the money students are paying for nothing. Therefore, Eastern cannot turn back on its decision even though the Student Government has already discussed shuttle bus ridership this semester.

Nadler said evaluations of the program will take place after each semester, and we encourage those who are doing the evaluating to suggest an end to the service if the ridership is not there.

"Just as we're piloting this shuttle service, (we know) nothing that we do is necessarily forever," Nadler said in May. "We're going to pilot this and if it works anywhere near as well as we think it's going to work, then it could turn into a long-term situation. But at this point, all I can commit to is two years."

While even Nadler is open to whatever may come of the in-house program, a complete elimination of the fee should occur if the buses service is canceled. The main advocate for this highly improbable cause is the Student Government, which seems very blind to the decisions being made.

Student Government has a student shuttle bus committee, but Student Senate Speaker Isaac Sandidge said the committee doesn't deal with contractual issues. However, students within the University Board are involved with contractual processes, but Student Government forwards their voice to Nadler's office.

It's understandable to maybe allow the university to enforce contractual complications, but student senators should be sticking their noses into the financing of the shuttle buses— whether it be the student shuttle bus committee or the student fee committee.

"The shuttle bus committee is set up to monitor route efficiency and serve the students as a liaison between H&H and the student body," Sandidge said on July 17.

Even if that's all the committee is responsible for, then it needs to effectively help increase ridership or cut ties with an unneeded expense.

While the student shuttle bus committee has no minutes available prior to last semester, all available information indicates that student senate members have been hopelessly trying to increase ridership without consequences for the lack of results.

The shuttle buses are quality necessities to college students and we hope they stay, but ridership and financing have been in question too long. Let's either get on the bus or get rid of the bus.



DYLAN POLK

Let's face
it, take
the blame

My summer really sucked.

While most of my friends left Spring '08 behind them for exciting new internships and jobs with papers from Chicago to Orange County, I entered the summer unemployed.

No prospects, no money and, at the time, no hope.

That all changed for a brief period in late May when my sister's boyfriend hooked me up with the company he'd previously worked for.

Basically, the job entailed lifting heavy boxes in a warehouse for a couple hours with enough downtime to read two Hunter S. Thompson books.

It was a sweet gig, I won't lie. I was making \$500 every two weeks and driving around in a new Dodge Dakota because I hit a deer with my Toyota.

"Life is good," I thought. "This summer is going to be amazing."

Then I got fired.

Call it an error on my part, blame my bosses for being a bit too hasty if you want, but the fact of the matter is, I lost my job and the time had come for me to man up and move on.

But we are in 2008, a period in time where pundits, politicians, celebrities and probably even your roommate can't accept the consequences for his or her mistakes.

Sadly, I was part of that group.

For a while, I sat around the house banging "Here It Goes" by OK Go on Rock Band and trying to think of how things could have played out differently. A part of me wanted to confront my boss in public somewhere and tell him what I really thought of his operation.

Yet as I shoveled away a \$6 breakfast with my friends at 3 a.m. some early July morning in a Springfield Denny's, the whole incident just seemed to fade away. The whole thing didn't matter anymore. Sure, it was pretty jarring to be fired for the first time, and OK, I wasn't bringing in any more money, but life was still good; there I was eating pancakes served to me by a friendly waitress with an equal rights button pinned to her apron.

I hardly even remember half of my coworker's names anymore.

It had finally dawned on me that while my bosses had overreacted, mistakes were made and I needed to face them. Otherwise, I'd be stuck furiously banging indie rock tunes on fake drums.

The point is, we all make mistakes whether we like to admit it or not. We're all going to screw up at some point and chances are we're going to pass the blame on to someone else.

Stop! It's time to accept the consequences of our actions and face them like responsible adults. No more of this immature nonsense that's plagued our country for far too long.

As the Mighty Mighty Bosstones said, "Let's face it."

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CAMPUS | MEETING

Student Senate discusses shuttle bus sevice , Major Fair

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Student Government Editor

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, addressed Student Senate last night on the issue of the shuttle buses.

Last week, it was brought to Nadler's attention that the H&H shuttle service might have been charging students for rides.

"We don't know if this bus was charging students for sure, but a few 'mystery riders' from Student Senate got on the bus and reported that they did not get charged," Nadler said. "It could be that the H&H shuttle service was trying to drum up business at the beginning of the year and that this is an old issue but, again, we don't know."

Nadler added the H&H shuttle service is not authorized to charge on

Eastern's campus, but public spots are not under Eastern's jurisdiction.

H&H has also removed its panther logo from the bus.

"Now there will hopefully be less confusion," Nadler said.

The two buses that are for Eastern are the ones that say "EIU Go Green." These buses both have cell phones numbers for students to call as well.

In other business, Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs, said she was still looking for students to serve at Faculty Senate meetings on Tuesdays. She also announced the Major Fair will be scheduled for Nov. 4.

"I went to academic advising today and they were really excited about it," Alexander said. "We will be showcasing as many majors as I can get to participate. It will be very similar to a career fair and freshman who



CODY RICH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, swears in a new student senate members at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

are undecided or people who want to change their major should take part in it."

Apportionment Board will have their first official meeting next Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola

room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

There are seven student representatives on AB so far.

Tiffany Tuner, student vice president for business affairs, said the reason this week's AB meeting was canceled is because she needed to look through five more applications that were recently turned in.

One more spot needs to be filled and six new members were approved at last night's meeting.

Also at the meeting, the proposal to change Student Action Team's outdated bylaws passed 23-0, with three abstentions.

A new Sudent Senate member was sworn in to replace another that dropped out for academic reasons.

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» Bill

FROM PAGE 1

"I'd like before long to see us at 500 students," Perry said. The bill would help progress the program, he added.

"A study abroad experience is very beneficial to a student to broaden their horizons, enable them to grasp the opportunities and challenges of going from one culture into another," Perry said.

Williamson said research shows that students with study abroad experiences are starting jobs at about 5,000 more than those without, in their respective fields.

"This is because employers know that students with study abroad experiences tend to be more focused, independent, self-confident, flexible, adaptable, driven and more," she said.

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» Vote

FROM PAGE 1

Katie Jones, a first year gerontology graduate student, said she believes it is important for college age students, to be involved in government. She is going to vote for McCain.

At the booth in the quad, there were pink stickers shaped like stars that said "Are You Registered to Vote, I Am" and pens were provided at the booth and the Union table if students did not have them.

Even though many students believe voting is important, a lot of

students chose not to register.

Chris Kromphardt, senior political science major and president of the EIU Democrats, said one student said to him that he did not want to vote because he did not know anything.

"I told him that I respected his honesty," Kromphardt said. "We've had a pretty good turnout (in the Union) though, and we've had a lot of forms filled out so far."

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, also said the turnout was good.

"The quad definitely had the most people because it was out in the open and the Union table did well," Wil-

ber said. "We didn't have enough volunteers for the table we were going to set up in Coleman Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. so we just stuck to the other two places."

Wilber said the times that the table in the Union and the booth in the quad got the most attention was when the majority of students were going to and from class.

"We were always swamped during those times," he said.

There were two forms available: a yellow one, which deputy registrars filled out, and a white one that the students could. The white ones were the only ones used, though.

"Students did not have their IDs for the first forms, so most will have to bring them to the polls," Wilber said. "We would have liked to use them but it just didn't work out that way."

Wilber said it is important for students to vote in other elections, too.

"It's actually more important to vote at local elections, which take place in the spring, because it hits closer to home for students," he said. "The presidential election is important, but not as much as the local ones in relation to students."

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» Mandvi

FROM PAGE 1

"It's a good opportunity to throw registration in and hopefully people will get inspired to go and register after the lecture," Kerch said.

Mandvi has also appeared on oth-

er television shows such as "ER," "The Sopranos" and "Law and Order."

He is also an Obie Award winner for his one-man show, "Sakina's Restaurant."

Mandvi said for his lecture he will talk about how he received his job, and share some of his experiences.

"I will show some clips from the

show and what it means to be forced to do Rob Riggles laundry," he said.

Riggles, a comedian, is also a correspondent for "The Daily Show."

Mandvi said students would gain very little from his lecture.

"But in parts, and in small chunks, they will gain insight into themselves and their fellow human beings," he

said.

Kerch said this lecture would be filled with comedy.

"There will be plenty of jokes," he said. "'The Daily Show' makes fun of everyone."

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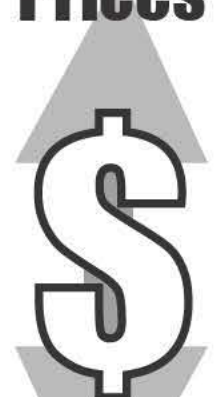
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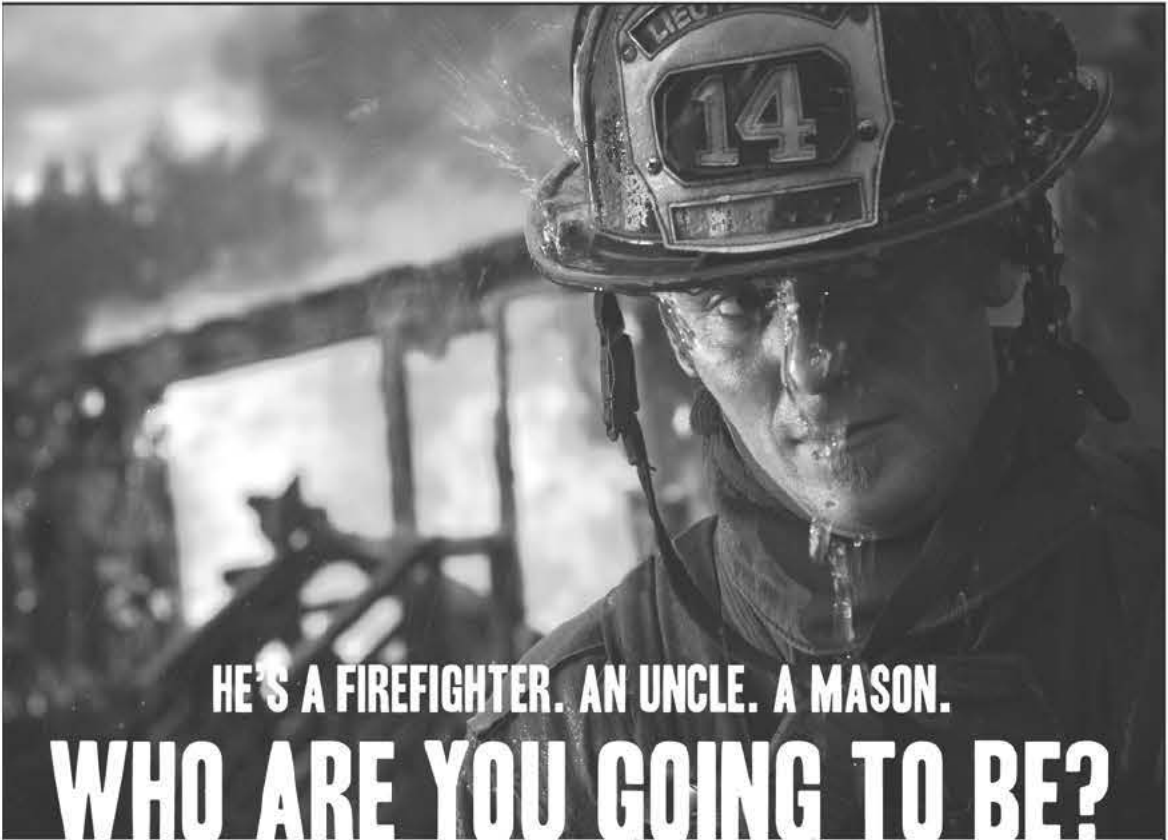
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Two new tattoo shops open in Charleston

Skin Tease, I Tat U start to put ink to skin over summer

By **KRISTINA PETERS**
Editor in Chief

Chad Henderson did his first tattoo when he was 15 years old.

One of Henderson's friends, who was also 15, started tattooing on himself, but ran into a spot on his elbow that he could not reach.

Henderson took over and helped his friend finish the tattoo. He has been tattooing ever since and professionally since he was 21 years old.

Now, Henderson owns his own tattoo shop.

Henderson opened Skin Tease Professional Tattoo, 429 Lincoln Ave. next to Positively 4th Street Records, on Aug. 12. Skin Tease Tattoo is just one of two tattoo shops to open over the summer.

"It's been busier than I expected for the limited amount of advertising we've done," he said, adding that he gets about two or three people each night wanting tattoos.

Henderson said he likes tattooing because of the people you meet and the ideas you hear.

"People have a lot of interesting ideas," he said.

Henderson said he had a man come into Skin Tease Tattoo about three weeks ago wanting a moustache tattooed on his finger.

One of Henderson's favorite tattoos he has done is of a demon on his cousin, Scott Jones', upper left shoulder.

"I like to do fine line and gray shading," he said.

Jones has received seven tattoos from Henderson and has only been to one other tattoo artist besides him.

"He's been working on me for the better part of 19 years," Jones said. "I like the fact that he is a perfectionist."

Jones said Henderson is also compassionate. He said if Henderson senses his customers might be getting faint he will suggest a break



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Trista Winchester winces in pain as Adam Snodgrass tattoos a black light to outline an already existing tattoo Tuesday evening at I Tat U.

and that they eat something.

"He's established one hell of a reputation," Henderson said.

Skin Tease Tattoo is open 6 p.m. to midnight Thursday through Tuesday, and Henderson said he is the only shop in the area open on Sunday.

There is a minimum price of \$40 on tattoos.

Currently, Henderson is the only tattoo artist there, but he is looking to add another as well as a piercer with at least two years experience, he said.

Henderson also plans on remodeling soon. He said he wants to get rid of all the extra rooms inside and create three rooms for each artist and a piercer as well as expand the waiting area.

I Tat U is another tattoo shop that opened over the summer.

The shop is located on the square at 514

Sixth Street where Burwells used to be. Burwells closed this March.

The building has been remodeled including new tile on the floors and tearing down walls to create more space, said shop manager Kim Schrock.

Schrock said she was brought in so there was someone to watch the counter while the artists tattooed.

Schrock is also an apprentice piercer at I Tat U.

I Tat U is run by Klay "Tigger" Kirk.

"I took the place from Burwells to save it from closing," Kirk said.

Kirk has been tattooing for 10 years. He had his own business for eight years out of his house in Mattoon.

"I was not a home scratcher," he said. "I actually had a studio inside my house."

Kirk said he got started in the business because he was tired of drawing designs for

NEW TATTOO SHOPS

Skin Tease Tattoo

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people and having them go elsewhere to get it tattooed on their bodies.

As an artist, Kirk said he likes that he gets to leave his mark on people now.

Custom-drawn pieces are some of Kirk's favorite tattoos to do.

He did a full-back piece on a man of a phoenix with the words "From the ashes of the old" above it.

Kirk said the piece took 24 hours to complete.

A lot of custom pieces can be seen on Kirk as well; most are of Tigger from Winnie the Pooh, which is how Kirk gets his nickname "Tigger."

"He's been my hero for years," Kirk said of the character.

Among the many tattoos Kirk has, two are a Tigger Marilyn Monroe tattooed on his side and he has a Tigger sleeve on his left arm that Kirk said is the story of his life.

Kirk is currently working on finished Tigger stripes on his right arm.

"I will be the human Tigger at one point and time," he said.

I Tat U is open from 3 - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Saturday.

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NATION | WEATHER

Midwest waits for full power

The Associated Press
CINCINNATI — Officials urged patience Wednesday on the part of Midwesterners waiting for power to be restored as crews worked feverishly to clean up the soggy mess left by the deadly remnants of Hurricane Ike over the weekend. Fallen trees still blocked roads outside Cincinnati, where Clermont County resident Ted Metcalfe said a five-minute drive to a shopping area had turned into a 20-minute obstacle course. “Getting there was like driving through a war zone,” he said. Ohio utilities reported nearly 900,000 homes and businesses still without power, down from 2.6 million after the storm Sunday. More

than 300,000 customers still lacked power Wednesday in Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Utilities hope to restore power for most people by Thursday, but some could be in the dark until the weekend. Power restoration has been delayed because damage from the hurricane-force winds was unprecedented for much of the region and required help from crews in other states, utilities said. In some cases, Ohio-based crews were recalled from Southern states after being sent to help with Ike’s aftermath along the Gulf Coast. “It brought down entire trees, poles and wires, and it’s requiring us to rebuild entire sections of our system,” said Ellen Raines, spokeswoman for the Ohio utility FirstEnergy. “There really isn’t anything you could do as a utility to prevent that.” In the meantime, officials asked residents to avoid downed power lines, throw out spoiled food and use battery-powered lights instead of candles to decrease the risk of illness and injury. “It’s more of a push to make sure people are being patient and not becoming frustrated and doing something foolish,” said Bill Wharton, a spokesman for the Montgomery County health agency in Dayton. Hurricane Ike and its remnants are blamed for more than 50 deaths in 11 states from the Gulf Coast to Michigan. Ohio alone reported at least six deaths.

WORLD BRIEF

The Associated Press
Official: 10 killed in attack on US Embassy
SAN’A, Yemen — A car bomb targeting the U.S. Embassy hit the front gate of the compound in Yemen’s capital Wednesday, a U.S. spokesman said. A senior Yemeni security official said six Yemeni guards and four civilians were killed. The civilians were three Yemenis and one Indian national, the Yemeni security official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity. Ryan Gliha, the embassy spokesman, told The Associated Press by telephone that there was a second explosion that followed the initial one, but did not know what caused it. Another Yemeni security official said the embassy was hit by two car bombs and heavy gunfire.

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FROM PAGE 12

“We do things pretty physically up front,” Hoover said. “That’s more of a mentality.”

And the physicality also extends into the Panthers’ backfield. Hoover said it is a luxury for the Panthers to have red-shirt senior fullback Chip Keys in the lineup because of his size and aggressiveness.

“He looks sometimes like an o-lineman back there anyway,” Hoover said.

The Indiana State game showed when the Panthers’ offensive line block against a Football Championship Subdivision team, Eastern’s quarterback is unlikely to be touched.

Illinois State head coach Denver Johnson said the Panthers always have a physical offensive line and this year isn’t any different.

“It will certainly be a challenge to get pressure on the quarterback and hold up against the run,” Johnson said.

The same hasn’t proven true, however, when Eastern plays a Football Bowl Subdivision team.

The Panthers gave up four sacks against Central Michigan and four more against Illinois.

Eastern’s offensive line typically has a size advantage against opposing teams’ defensive lines.

The Panthers’ starting front five are all at least 6-foot-3 and weigh in at 285 pounds or more. Red-shirt junior left tackle Chris Campbell is the biggest at 6-foot-5 and 327 pounds.

But a size advantage wasn’t the case against Illinois. The Fighting Illini matched up with the Panthers size wise, but had a strength advantage up front. Illinois’ front four also averaged nearly 20 pounds heavier than Indiana State’s defensive line.

Hoover said Illinois’ ability to get to the quarterback proved how much size matters. He said the Panthers’ offensive line doesn’t look any smaller but they have trimmed down.

“Every single guy up front that’s coming back from a year ago is leaner,” Hoover said. “They’ve all changed some of their diet habits. It’s enabled them to stay healthy and stay fast.”

But health has been an issue

“It will certainly be a challenge to get pressure on the quarterback and hold up against the run.”

– Denver Johnson, Illinois State head coach

through the Panthers’ first three games. Red-shirt junior guard Kevin Mahoney suffered a concussion against Central Michigan, and red-shirt junior tackle Otis Hudson injured his knee against Illinois. Both players missed the Indiana State game.

Hoover said Mahoney could be out indefinitely until the team finds out more about his injury.

Stepping in for Mahoney at guard have been red-shirt freshman Eric Rettke and red-shirt junior Mike Scheibel.

“Eric is somebody (who) coming into camp we didn’t expect to be in the mix,” Hoover said. “He worked hard to put himself into position to play. Scheibel is playing at a real high level.”

Red-shirt freshman tackle Ryan Grossman also got his first career starts this season.

Hoover said Grossman made improvements in the Panthers’ first two games and did so against top-level competition.

“Ryan is getting an education by fire,” Hoover said. “He had his first college start against Central Michigan and his second against Illinois.”

Back on the Panthers’ front line are red-shirt juniors Chaz Millard and Chris Vaccaro. Millard started last season and was named a First Team All-Ohio Valley Conference guard. This year, Millard was named a preseason All-American and All-OVC candidate.

Vaccaro got playing time last year when starting center Drew Cairo-Gross injured his shoulder.

“No doubt those guys are the leaders of our group,” Hoover said. “From a leadership standpoint and maturity standpoint, they’re the guys you want. They lead by example.”

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» Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 12

He said he thinks the team still has what it takes to win an OVC Championship.

To do so, however, will require the right frame of mind from the Panthers.

One thing’s for sure; the seniors have bought into Nowak’s mentality.

But it’s not limited solely to the players that have been on the team for several years. The younger players have as well.

The team created T-shirts that say “All hands on deck” on the back of them, and freshman forward Jessica Blake said it symbolizes the idea of not playing as individuals.

“It means that we’re all in this together,” Blake said.

“Instead of playing as individuals we all play as a team, and if we

do that we have more chances to win.”

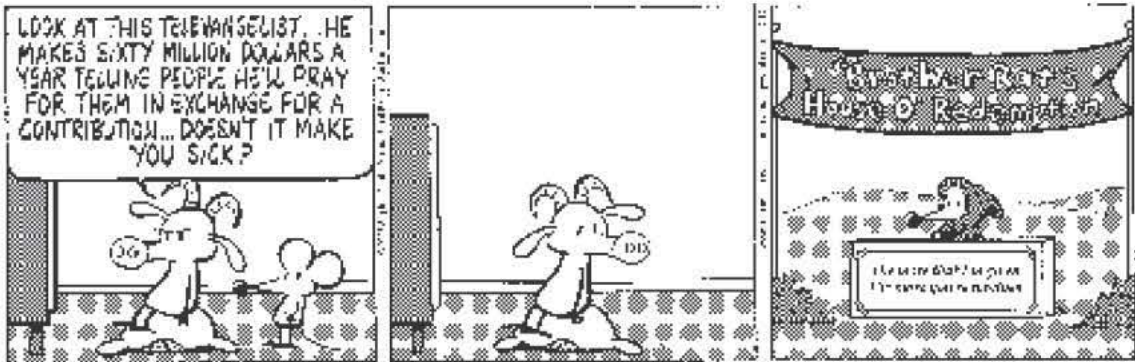
It’s clear the Panthers have the right mentality to win.

Now, they just need to translate that mentality into success on the field.

With the Sept. 26 OVC-opener against Tennessee Martin looming, it’s now or never.

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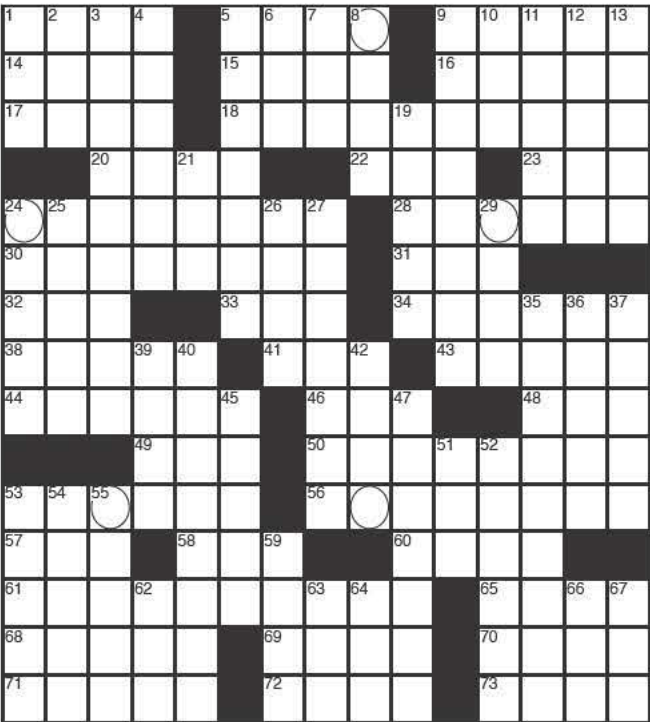
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Note: When this puzzle is done, unscramble the five circled letters to find out how the circles could have been left with the puzzle's solution still being correct.

- ACROSS
- 1 Mythical hammer wielder
 - 5 Nickname for a namesake of Mary's husband
 - 9 Burn, in a way
 - 14 ___ wave
 - 15 First name in folk
 - 16 "Institutiones Calculi Integralis" writer
 - 17 Castle stronghold
 - 18 Like some interest
 - 20 Unauthorized preview, say
 - 22 Ocacek of the Cars
 - 23 Apology starter
 - 24 Resettle
 - 28 Serious
 - 30 Strip joint, euphemistically
 - 31 My ___
 - 32 Joan Miró's "L" ___
 - 33 Prefix for many cold-weather product names
 - 34 Glacial ridges
 - 38 Like 1-Across
 - 41 Lee of Hollywood
 - 43 Position
 - 44 Part of a veterinarian's job
 - 46 Aegean island near Naxos
 - 48 The Tigers of the Ohio Valley Conf.
 - 49 General for whom a style of chicken is named
 - 50 Crab
 - 53 Roly-poly
 - 56 Defiling
 - 57 German pronoun
 - 58 Lawyers' org.
 - 60 Faithful, to a Scot
 - 61 Went on
 - 65 Goddess in the hand of the statue of Athena in the Parthenon
 - 68 Poe-ish
 - 69 Call to Rover
 - 70 Taking care of things
 - 71 Some histrionics
 - 72 Career division, in sports
 - 73 Capt.'s inferiors
- DOWN
- 1 Finger wagger's sound
 - 2 Speed
 - 3 Comic's stock

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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PUZZLE BY DAMON J. GULCZYNSKI

- 4 Adjusts, as a currency rate
- 5 Crooks' lackeys
- 6 Sch. in Tulsa, Okla.
- 7 State tree of Massachusetts
- 8 Not their
- 9 Port locale
- 10 Director's cry
- 11 Out on ___
- 12 It holds water
- 13 Gloomy, literarily
- 19 Thread type
- 21 Fly ball's path
- 24 Fix
- 25 Little brother's cry, perhaps
- 26 Deli sandwich choice
- 27 Vernacular that came into prominence in 1996
- 29 One of a candy box duo
- 35 Making necessary
- 36 Balsam, e.g.
- 37 Burned
- 39 In ___ (positioned naturally)
- 40 Tangles
- 42 Sticky stuff
- 45 "___ with you" (parting words)
- 47 Smoke a little
- 51 "American ___"
- 52 Grasslands
- 53 More red, maybe
- 54 Papery sheath on a plant stem
- 55 Protective protrusion
- 59 Wan
- 62 "Shoo!"
- 63 Match
- 64 Reconstruction, e.g.
- 66 Do-it-yourselfer's aid
- 67 Uranians, e.g., in brief

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NATIONAL SPORTS | BASEBALL

A-Rod reaches another milestone in Yankees win

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez became the first player with 35 homers and 100 RBIs in 12 seasons one more than Babe Ruth- and the New York Yankees slowed the Chicago White Sox's pursuit of the AL Central crown with a 5-1 victory Wednesday night.

Johnny Damon hit a two-run homer, Robinson Cano had three hits and Xavier Nady had a tying RBI single in the seventh inning. Nady then scored on a wild pitch as New York rallied against rookie Clayton Richard in the fifth to last regular-season game at Yankee Stadium.

Jermaine Dye had an RBI groundout off Phil Hughes, who was making his first start since April 29.

That was all the White Sox could muster against Hughes and four relievers, who threw five shutout innings.

The White Sox entered the night with a 2½ game lead over Minne-

sota.

With his homer in the eighth inning, A-Rod became the first player to have at least 35 in 11 straight seasons (1998-2008), snapping a tie with Sammy Sosa (1995-2004). Rodriguez has 101 RBIs this season.

Ruth had at least 35 homers and 100 RBIs for the Yankees 11 times in the 1920s and 30s.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said he would keep Richard, who came in 2-4 with a 6.94 ERA, on a very short leash, and the 25-year-old rookie Richard earned every inning.

He induced double-play grounders in the first, after a leadoff walk, and in the third, after a leadoff single, and struck out Derek Jeter in the fifth after giving up two singles to start the inning.

But Guillen left him in a batter too long. After a visit to the mound that left Richard with a big smile, the rookie gave up a tying single to Nady.

Cano followed with a double down the right-field line to end the rookie's night.

MEN'S SOCCER | SPOTLIGHT

Panthers have St. Charles connection

Three Eastern athletes played together at same high school

By **DAN CUSACK**
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern men's soccer team is beginning to see more and more stars each season.

St. Charles North Stars that is.

The Panthers have gotten three players from the west Chicago suburb soccer powerhouse during the past two seasons including red-shirt freshman defender Mitch Welsch, freshman midfielder Mike Picinich and freshman defender Austin Andrekus.

One of the main reasons players from that area are making the trip to Charleston is because former Eastern men's soccer player, Eric Willson, is the coach of the North Stars.

"(Willson) has done a good job of developing the program," said Eastern head coach Adam Howarth.

Howarth said the St. Charles North team has attended the Panthers' summer camp the last couple of years and that has helped in recruiting and getting to know the players.

The North Stars have been a force in the Upstate Eight Conference, winning three straight regional titles and reaching the Illinois High School Association Class AA state



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Apart from playing for the Eastern men's soccer team red-shirt freshman defender Mitch Welsch, freshman defender Austin Andrekus and sophomore forward Darby Kehoe are all from the St. Charles area. Freshman midfielder Mike Picinich, who is not pictured, is also from the St. Charles area.

quarterfinals in the 2006-07 season.

Andrekus said he decided to play at Eastern this past summer. He said Willson was instrumental in talking to Eastern's coaches for him and pointing him in the Panthers' direction.

Welsch said he was influenced by his coach to come to Eastern.

"We went to the Eastern summer soccer camp the year before I committed," Welsch said. "He told me about the school and the cam-

pus, and it sounded pretty promising."

Picinich said Willson pushed the players to come to Eastern because he knew it would be a good fit for them.

Picinich said his familiarity with players he had known and players he had met during the summer were a main factor in coming to the Panthers.

The North Stars have a similar style of play to that of Eastern, so

the players said the transition from high school to college was an easy one for them.

"The only thing you have to get used to is the guys," Picinich said. "Position-wise it has been pretty familiar with me. It is the same idea so it has not been too hard."

Picinich said he is glad he chose to come to Eastern and playing with former high school teammates has been a great experience.

"It is very comfortable," Picinich

said. "You know how they play because you have been playing with them so long. You are pretty familiar with their style."

Welsch said because he is a year older he did not get to play with Andrekus and Picinich as long as they had played together, but said it was nice to have his former teammates at Eastern.

Sophomore forward Darby Kehoe played against St. Charles North several times in high school because he played for rival St. Charles East High School.

He said he did not know any of the players on a personal level but remembered they were good players when he faced them.

Howarth said each of the three players from St. Charles North brings something different to the team.

"Welsch is coming off of an injury last season, but he has been playing really well and will be pushing for playing time," Howarth said. "Andrekus has been very impressive and will probably red-shirt this season."

Picinich, the only North Star currently starting for the Panthers, has been a huge addition to the Panthers with his combination of speed and quickness, according to Howarth.

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WOMEN'S RUGBY | PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Ramirez thrives in new position

Sophomore takes lead with scrum-half role

By **BOB SHAUGHNESSY**
Staff Reporter

Red-shirt freshman scrum-half Narissa Ramirez knew she was a great athlete, but she did not know that by the time she was a sophomore she would be a key component on the Eastern women's rugby team.

Ramirez, who was captain of her basketball and softball team in high school, came to Eastern never having played rugby before.

After walking-on the team as a freshman she was forced to red-shirt because it was too late in the season.

Now, Ramirez leads the offense as the scrum-half, the quarterback of a rugby team. The scrum-half is the player who gets the ball out of rucks and scrums and passes the ball out to the backs or forwards depending on

the offensive set.

After three games at the position, Ramirez looks as though she is destined for big things in her career.

Ramirez is at the helm of the Panthers' offense, which has scored 140 points in three games.

"As a former high school point guard, she has good field presence and learned the scrum-half position quickly," said Eastern head coach Frank Graziano.

Ramirez may always look cool and calm on the field, but she admits at some points it gets a little nerve racking. If she makes a bad pass, it could lead to another bad pass. Then everything can start to go wrong.

Ramirez has not made too many mistakes for the Panthers so far this season considering the Panthers (3-0) are heading to West Chester next weekend. After a huge win last weekend against Wisconsin Stevens-Point, Ramirez said she is sure the Panthers

won't let themselves get too cocky.

"We're going into a game that we know is going to be the hardest game of the season," Ramirez said. "So we are just working real hard to compete and get the victory."

Ramirez said she believes the key to success for the Panthers will be defense.

"Defense creates offense like in any other sport," Ramirez said. "If we push them back onto their side of the field, it just makes us that much more closer to scoring."

Ramirez said she believes she can help the team by working on her decision making and communicating with the flyhalf.

"Last game it was a little tuff to hear my flyhalf because it was really windy, but I have to know where she is at all times," Ramirez said.

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Eastern red-shirt freshman scrum-half Narissa Ramirez stands atop fellow rugby players after Wednesday's practice. Ramirez has helped lead Eastern's attack, which has scored 140 points in three games.

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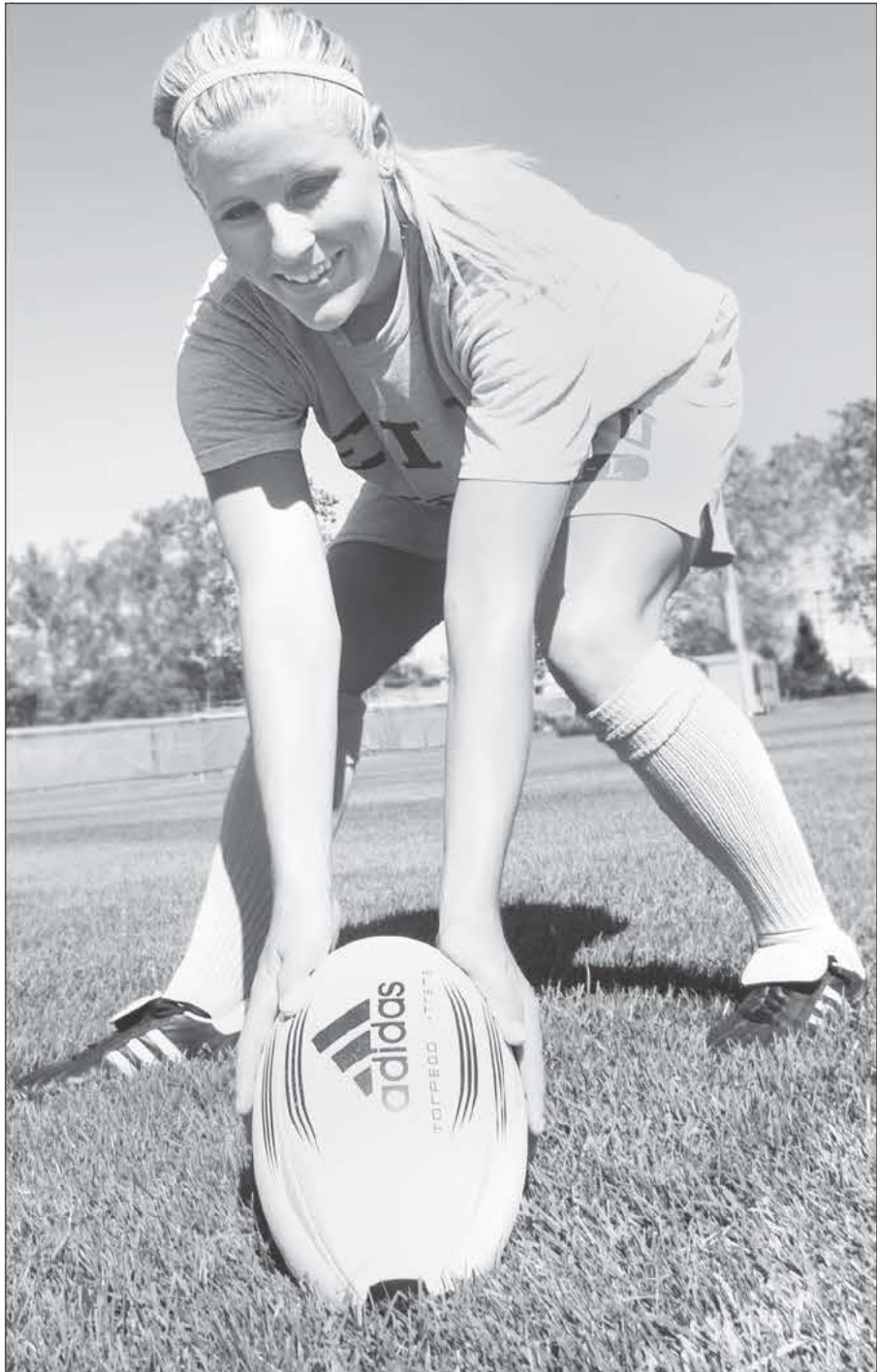
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SAMANTHA MANTO

Top Cat is a weekly feature that displays one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the top player and moments from the sporting event.

Manto led Eastern to shutout

Senior wing on the rugby team has been the leading scorer for past four years

By RICHARD MORSE
Staff Reporter

Senior wing Samantha Manto led the Eastern women's rugby team to a 102-0 shutout of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a season high seven tries.

As a senior, Manto brings more than just experience to the field each week, she also brings the leadership and dependability that every coach dreams of, especially women's head rugby coach Frank Graziano.

"She's taken on a nice role as a senior leader," Graziano said. "She remembers so much of what it was like when she was a freshman, we had a great core of seniors that really helped her along."

Manto, the Panthers' leading scorer in the past four years, started off slow this season, scoring only three tries in their first two games. She got the ball rolling in this past weekend's match up against UW-Stevens Point.

"It felt good to get back in my groove," Manto said. "In the first game I scored only once, and just twice in the second game. If I only score once I'm usually pretty upset, so it was good to get back into my rhythm"

Graziano said the senior has been impressive in the past three seasons.

"She is very good at scoring, and as far as running the ball, she is second to none," he said. "She's been the leading scorer every year that she's been with us. She'll be nearly impossible to replace."

Senior center Molly Clutter is also impressed by Manto's speed.

"Her speed is a huge contribution," Clutter said.

"She has grown as a player of the years, and she's become more comfortable running into a group of people instead of running around them. She has expanded her abilities, her speed is an asset, but also her strength."

Manto's leadership on and off the field has made her a reliable teammate.

"She is a leader on the field when we're in a tough situation, everyone looks to Sam, and you know when she gets the ball in her hand she is going to score," sophomore Tiffany Kennedy said.

Kennedy trains during the summers with Manto back in the Chicago suburbs.

"She is very determined. She gives 110 percent all the time," Kennedy said.

Clutter said she loves having a teammate like Manto.

"She is always the one there to pick you up," Manto said. "If someone is having a bad day, she is the one to yell and get everyone motivated when we're running."

The Panthers are going to need motivation in the next two weeks leading up to what might be their biggest challenge of the season – an NCAA sanctioned match at West Chester (Pa.).

The Panthers have the upcoming weekend off, giving them two straight weeks of practice to concentrate solely on the upcoming NCAA match-up.

Manto said the Panthers rugby team is eagerly awaiting the game.

According to teammates, Manto's leadership and toughness are well known by her teammates, and should be respected by all opponents.

"Don't be fooled by the blonde ponytail. She isn't just some prissy blonde. She's pretty tough," Clutter said.

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KATE KELLEHER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Senior wing Samantha Manto set a personal record of seven tries during the match against University of Wisconsin Stevens Point on Saturday. As of last season, Manto is listed as the top scored with 510 points and 100 tries.

» 'Texas trio'

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In high school, all three said they experienced how sometimes older players aren't accepting of freshmen. But the three Texas freshmen were accepted right away by the Panthers.

"We're lucky because Eastern isn't big in seniority," Barr said. "They have treated us like equals."

And as equals, they're expected to compete. The learning curve

from high school and college competition has been a continuous process since training camp. The three had to relearn volleyball fundamentals like hitting, passing, serving and blocking.

"Offense is a lot quicker than club," Barr said. "In defense, you have to read the ball better. You have to be low to dig balls because they hit too hard."

Boykins said she has been working on swing blocking, in which she side-steps and then jumps in the air while moving her arms up. This helps her

vertical jump.

"I had to learn that and discard my old technique because (Bennett) was playing me," Boykins said.

But not all of the "Texas Trio" are playing this season. Hullum said she tore the labrum in her right shoulder while hitting during training camp practice in July. She will have shoulder surgery on Sept. 25, which will force her to use a red-shirt year this season.

"In pre-season I tried to play with it, but the doctors thought it would be better to let me heal until next

year," Hullum said. "I want to cry everyday. It sucks that I can't play."

To counter the down time, Hullum, and outside hitter, said she is helping with practice and working with Bennett in learning how to analyze teams during a match.

"By learning the systems and technique and how to scout from (Bennett), I could come in next season when my shoulder is ready and not miss a beat," Hullum said.

Barr and Boykins have both played significant time for the Panthers. Barr has 25 kills, seven digs and

four blocks while playing in 17 sets.

Boykins has 34 kills, 14 digs and eight blocks in 23 sets.

Barr, Boykins and Hullum have a bright outlook for their future at Eastern. The "Texas Trio" said they hope to all start at the front positions together and help lead the Panthers to multiple Ohio Valley Conference Championships and maybe even make some noise in the NCAA Tournament.

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Seniors
leading
the way

Despite the early-season struggles of the Eastern women's soccer team, head coach Tim Nowak remains confident his team has been improving with every match.

While the Panthers have yet to win one match and have only scored one goal through their first seven matches, Nowak said he believes the team is making strides and learning throughout the season.

That having been said, it is clear that the burden of getting this team back on track lies on the shoulders of the Panthers' three lone seniors: forward Pam Melinauskas, and defenders Ashley Slota and Lindsey Wilkening.

While talking to Nowak and the players as the season has progressed, the unifying theme has remained the same. Nowak stresses defense to create offense and playing together as a team for 90 minutes.

As cliché as it may sound, it's true. And most importantly, the players have seemed to buy into that theory. Nowak made a point to address the play of his three seniors after the Panthers' 2-0 loss to Ball State on Friday.

"I thought our seniors really, really stepped up today and showed what it means to compete at this level," Nowak said. "They're setting a good example. I hope our younger players recognize that leadership."

That leadership is what the Panthers have to rely on during the rest of the season.

The thought of a team that has started its season 0-6-1 competing for any kind of championship may seem ridiculous, but Nowak said he believes the tough early-season competition the team has faced will prepare them for Ohio Valley Conference play.

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VOLLEYBALL | SPOTLIGHT



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Madison Barr, Melanie Boykins and Shannon Hullum are all freshmen from Texas playing on this year's volleyball team. Barr is a middle blocker from Southlake, Boykins is a middle blocker from Fort Worth, and Hullum is an outside hitter from Van.

'Texas Trio' provides triple the talent

Texas freshmen
contribute immediately
for Panthers

By BOB BAJEK
Staff Reporter

The Eastern volleyball team added five newcomers to its roster when training camp began in July.

While freshmen Hannah Deterding and Brittany Wallace were both from Illinois, the other three made quite the trek to play for the Panthers.

Freshmen Shannon Hullum, Madison Barr and Melanie Boykins all hail from Texas, and all three said they want to bring the Panthers back to the top.

Eastern head volleyball coach Lori Bennett said she was fortunate to have friends and former teammates in the Dallas area who told her about these players.

"Shannon and Madison – they played for people I knew," Bennett said. "I knew they were trained well in an environment of constant improvement, so they would do well here."

Bennett said the freshmen's height, each six feet or taller, and superb athletic ability were the keys in recruiting them.

Barr, an outside hitter from Southlake Carroll High School, committed to Eastern during her junior year.

She said she liked Bennett and assistant coach Amy Schreiber and was impressed the Eastern team attended one of her tournaments.

It was coincidental that Bennett met Boykins.

Barr played with Boykins, a North Crowley High School middle blocker, for the Texas Advantage club team during their senior year.

Bennett said she was anticipating watching Barr at a tournament when her eyes gravitated to Boykins' play.

"Mel is an outstanding athlete and a rare (talent) in the Ohio Valley Conference," Bennett said.

Boykins said she had numerous track and volleyball scholarships from various schools but was soon persuaded to become a Panther by Barr.

"I knew of the school from Madison," Boykins said. "I figured I could come in and play a lot."

Hullum, a four-sport athlete at Van High School, had to choose between playing basketball and volleyball. She was offered scholarships to play basketball but turned them down because she loved volleyball the most.

"It took me a while to decide how to come here," Hullum said. "I thought it would be fun to play here."

The freshmen, who call themselves the "Texas Trio," said they are supporting one other because they are all far from home and miss their families.

Boykins said it is a big deal if any of their families comes to see them play a match.

Barr saw her brother Austin, 15, at the Panther Challenge.

"I was very excited when Austin came," Barr said. "I cried when he left. I love him very much."

When they're not with each other and supporting one another, the "Texas Trio" are faced with some strange questions from their new teammates.

"We get asked a lot of questions from the girls, and they think Texas is another country," Barr said. "But it isn't. We joked it's the best state though."

The "Texas Trio" all served as team captains at their high schools. Boykins said being a captain helps a player learn how to communicate better with coaches and players while leading by work and example.

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FOOTBALL | OFFENSIVE
LINE

Front five
keep teams
at bay

Panthers' line makes
difference in running,
passing game

By SCOTT RICHEY
Sports Editor

Indiana State sophomore quarterback Chuck Dowdell found himself facing the hard rush of Eastern's defense in the Sycamores' 38-3 loss to the Panthers on Saturday.

Dowdell was never sacked, but he



ROBBIEWROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Red-shirt junior quarterback Bodie Reeder calls a play against Indiana State Saturday. The offensive line protected Reeder well the whole game.

was hit often, hurried four times and fumbled the ball twice on snaps.

Eastern red-shirt junior quarterback Bodie Reeder didn't face that

Sycamores' defense.

The reason?

Eastern's offensive line kept the rushing Sycamores' defenders at bay.

"I didn't get touched all night," Reeder said. "They didn't record a sack, and they weren't really even close all night."

Indiana State head coach Trent Miles said the Panthers' offensive line is big and physical and prone to knocking defenders off the ball. He said the Sycamores' defensive front couldn't match up with Eastern.

"They've done that for years," Miles said. "We haven't developed yet enough to get a pass rush from four guys up front."

Eastern offensive line coach Jeff Hoover said he enjoys coaching the Panthers' line because of Eastern's tradition of a strong offensive line.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE				
WOMEN'S SOCCER Friday at Western Kentucky 6 p.m. – Bowling Green, Ky.	VOLLEYBALL Friday vs. Morehead State 7 p.m. – Lantz Arena	MEN'S SOCCER Saturday vs. Central Arkansas 2 p.m. – Lakeside Field	VOLLEYBALL Saturday vs. Eastern Kentucky 2 p.m. – Lantz Arena	FOOTBALL Saturday at Illinois State 6:30 p.m. – Normal